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PENNSYLVANIA GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1783.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
FRIDAY, *September* 26, 1783. A. M.

ON MOTION, *Ordered*, That the bill, entituled "An Act "for the more ſpeedy and effectual adminiſtration of juſtice," be printed for public conſideration.

Extract from the Minutes,
PETER Z. LLOYD, Clerk of the General Aſſembly.

An ACT *for the more ſpeedy and effectual adminiſtration of juſtice.*

[Continued from our laſt.]

PROVIDED ALWAYS, *and be it hereby further enacted by the authority aforeſaid*, That upon juſt and legal cauſe ſhewn either by the plaintiff or defendant, the ſaid Judge may order the trial of the ſaid cauſe to be put off until the next Court of Niſi Prius, but no longer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid. That if the plaintiff or plaintiffs ſhall neglect to bring his or their cauſe or cauſes to trial at the ſecond Court of Niſi Prius enſuing the term to which the ſuit or ſuits hath or have been brought, the Judge ſhall proceed, and he is hereby required to proceed, without any motion for that purpoſe on the part of the defendant or defendants, to give judgment as in caſes of nonſuit, and that ſuch judgment or judgments ſhall have only the force and effect of judgment on nonſuit, and no other force and effect, and the Judge who gives ſuch judgment ſhall award execution againſt the plaintiff or plaintiffs for the coſts as in caſes of nonſuit.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this act contained ſhall preclude or eſtop the defendant or defendants in any ſuit or cauſe depending in ſaid Court from pleading a dilatory plea, but that ſuch plea ſhall not be received, unleſs the party offering the ſame do, by affidavit, prove the truth thereof.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That every Sheriff or other officer in the ſeveral and reſpective counties within this commonwealth, to whom the return of the venire facias, or other proceſs for the trial of cauſes before the Judge of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius, doth belong, ſhall, upon his return of every ſuch writ of venire facias (unleſs in caſes intended to be tried at bar, or in caſes where a ſpecial jury ſhall be ſtruck by order or rule of Court) annex a pannel to ſaid writ, containing the chriſtian and ſurnames, additions and places of abode of a competent number of jurors named in the ſaid liſt; and the names of the ſame perſons ſhall be inſerted in the pannel annexed to every venire facias for the trial of all iſſues, both in civil and criminal cauſes, at the ſaid Courts in each reſpective county, which number of jurors ſhall be not leſs than forty-eight in any county, nor more than ſixty, without direction of the Judge appointed to go the circuit and ſit as Judge of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius in ſuch county, who is hereby empowered and required, if he ſee cauſe, by order under his hand, to direct a greater or leſſer number; and then ſuch number as ſhall be ſo directed ſhall be the number to ſerve on ſuch jury; and the ſaid Sheriff or other returning officer in the ſeveral and reſpective counties ſhall cauſe the liſt ſo made as aforeſaid to be publicly hung up at leaſt five days before Court in the office of the Clerk of the reſpective counties, that the parties concerned in any ſuch trials may have timely notice of the jurors who are to ſerve at the next Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius, in order to make their challenges to them, if there be cauſe; and that the perſons named in ſuch liſt and no other (unleſs in caſes of trials at bar and ſpecial juries) ſhall be ſummoned to ſerve on juries at the next Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius, in the ſeveral and reſpective counties; and the ſaid Sheriff or other officer is hereby required to return ſuch liſt or pannel on the firſt day of the Court to be held in the ſeveral and reſpective counties.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the name of each and every perſon who ſhall be ſo ſummoned and impannelled as aforeſaid, ſhall be written on ſeveral and diſtinct pieces of parchment or paper, being all as near as may be of equal ſize and bigneſs, by the Clerk of the ſaid Court, or his Agent, who ſhall, by direction and care of the Judge, roll them up in the ſame manner as near as may be, and put them together in a box to be provided for that purpoſe; and when any cauſe of a civil nature ſhall be brought on to be tried, ſome indifferent perſon, by the direction of the Judge, may and ſhall in open Court draw out twelve of the ſaid parchments or papers one after another; and if any of the perſons whoſe names ſhall be ſo drawn ſhall not appear, or be challenged and ſet aſide, then ſuch further number, until twelve perſons be drawn who ſhall appear, and after all cauſes of challenge be allowed as fair and indifferent, and the ſaid twelve ſo firſt drawn and appearing, and approved as indifferent, their names being marked in the pannel, and they being ſworn, ſhall be the jury to try the ſaid cauſe. And the names of the perſons ſo drawn and ſworn ſhall be kept apart by themſelves in ſome other box to be kept for that purpoſe, till ſuch jury ſhall have given in their verdict and the ſame is recorded, or until the jury ſhall by leave of the Court, or conſent of the parties, be diſcharged; and then the ſame names ſhall be rolled up again and returned to the former box, there to be kept with the other names remaining at that time undrawn, and ſo, toties quoties, as long as any cauſe remains then to be tried.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That if any cauſe ſhall be brought on to be tried in any Court of Niſi Prius, before the jury in any other cauſe ſhall have brought in their verdict or be diſcharged, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Court to order twelve of the reſidue of the ſaid parchments or papers, not containing the names of any of the jurors who ſhall not ſo have brought in their verdict or be diſcharged, to be drawn in ſuch manner as is aforeſaid for the trial of the cauſe which ſhall be ſo brought on to be tried.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That every perſon or perſons whoſe name or names ſhall be ſo drawn as aforeſaid, and who ſhall not appear after being openly called three times (due proof by oath of the Sheriff, or ſome other credible perſon, that ſuch perſon ſo making default had been lawfully ſummoned) ſhall forfeit and pay for every ſuch default in not appearing upon call as aforeſaid (unleſs ſome reaſonable cauſe of his abſence be proved by oath or affidavit to the ſatisfaction of the Judge who tries the ſaid cauſe) ſuch fine or fines, not exceeding the ſum of ten pounds, and leſs than the ſum of three pounds, as the ſaid Judge ſhall think reaſonable to inflict or aſſeſs for ſuch default; which fine the ſaid Judge is hereby authoriſed and required to order the Sheriff of the county to levy and collect; and the Sheriff or other officer ſhall ſummon each of the ſaid jurors at leaſt ten days before the ſaid Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That if a ſufficient number of the perſons ſo ſummoned to ſerve as jurors ſhall not appear at any of the ſaid Courts, or by reaſon of challenges, or otherwiſe, there ſhall not be a ſufficient number of them for the trial of any indictment, proſecution or action, depending in the ſaid Court, then, and in ſuch caſe, the jury ſhall be filled up, by order of the Judge, de tales circumſtantibus, to be returned by the Sheriff, unleſs he ſhall be a party, or intereſted, or related to any party or perſon intereſted in ſuch proſecution or action; and in any of which caſes to be returned by the Coroner, unleſs he be a party, or intereſted, or related to any party or perſon intereſted therein; and in any of theſe caſes to be returned by a proper and indifferent perſon, to be appointed by the Judge for that purpoſe; and ſuch perſons are hereby required to appear and ſerve as jurors at the ſaid Courts accordingly, under the penalties aforeſaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That whenever the plaintiff or defendant in any cauſe depending in the ſaid Court ſhall judge a view of the lands or tenements in diſpute to be neceſſary, it ſhall be lawful, without motion, for either of the parties, on application to the Clerk of the ſaid Court, within ten days from the return of the writ, to have a rule for that purpoſe entered on the docket, which ſaid rule the Clerk is hereby required to enter, on the application aforeſaid; and that an indorſement ſhall be made by the Clerk on the venire facias, that a view is ordered therein: And if there ſhould be more than one venire facias with a view returnable to the ſame Court of Niſi Prius, the Clerk ſhall number the ſame in numerical order, according to the reſpective times or periods of bringing the ſeveral actions, wherein the ſaid writs of venire facias with a view may be iſſued, beginning with the action or ſuit that was firſt brought, and ſo on progreſſively.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That when any writs of venire facias iſſuing out of the ſaid Court, with directions for a view indorſed thereon, ſhall come to the hands of the Sheriff, he ſhall execute the ſame by taking, on the view of No. 1, at leaſt ſix of the firſt mentioned twelve on the liſt of jurors to be returned as aforeſaid; and on the view of the venire facias No. 2, at leaſt ſix of the ſecond twelve; and ſo on of Numbers 3 and 4 of ſaid writs of venire facias with view: And if more than four writs of venire facias, with directions for a view, ſhould come to his hands, returnable to the ſame Court, the Sheriff ſhall take, on the view of No. 5, at leaſt ſix of the firſt mentioned twelve on the liſt of jurors, to be returned as aforeſaid, and ſhall proceed in the ſame manner, according to the numerical order of the ſaid writs of venire facias with a view, until the whole ſhall be compleated.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That when any cauſe ſhall be brought on to trial, wherein a view hath been had as aforeſaid, ſuch of the jurors as have been on the view, and ſhall appear, ſhall be firſt ſworn upon the jury to try the ſaid cauſe before any drawing as aforeſaid, and ſo many only ſhall be drawn to be added to the viewers who appear, as ſhall, after all defaulters and challenges allowed, make up the number of twelve to be ſworn for the trial of ſuch cauſe.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Sheriff, or other officer to whom the return of proceſs ſhall belong, ſhall from time to time enter or regiſter in a book to be kept for that purpoſe, the names of ſuch perſons as ſhall be ſummoned and ſhall ſerve as jurors at the ſaid Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius, together with their additions and places of abode alphabetically, and alſo the times of their ſervices, and every perſon ſo ſummoned, and attending or ſerving as aforeſaid, ſhall (upon application by him made to ſuch Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or other officer) have a certificate, teſtifying ſuch his attendance, or ſervice done, which certificate the ſaid Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or other officer, is hereby directed and required to give without fee or reward; and the ſaid book ſhall be tranſmitted by ſaid Sheriff, Under Sheriff, or other officer, to his or their ſucceſſor or ſucceſſors from time to time.

And for preventing abuſes by Sheriffs, Under Sheriffs, or other perſons concerned in ſummoning or returning jurors under this act, *Be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid*, That no perſon ſhall be returned to ſerve as a juror at any Court of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius, according to the directions aforeſaid (caſes of ſpecial juries and trials at bar excepted) who hath ſerved within the ſpace of one year in any county as a juror at the ſaid Courts: And if any Sheriff ſhall wilfully tranſgreſs therein, any Judge of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius may, and he is hereby required, on examination and proof of ſuch offence in a ſummary way, to ſet a fine or fines upon every ſuch offender as he ſhall think meet, not exceeding five pounds for any one ſuch offence.

AND WHEREAS it is juſt and reaſonable that jurors, attending or ſerving at the ſaid Courts of Oyer and Terminer, General Goal Delivery and Niſi Prius, ſhould receive ſome compenſation for their time and trouble therein: *Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforeſaid*, That whenever any verdict ſhall or may be taken in the Court of Niſi Prius, the plaintiff or defendant, in whoſe favour the ſame is given, ſhall forthwith pay to the Clerk of the ſaid Court thirty ſhillings (which ſhall be taxed with the coſts, and afterwards repaid by the party againſt whom ſuch verdict was given, for the uſe and benefit of the party that ſhall ſo advance it) and that the ſaid money ſo collected, and ſuch other money as may be paid by defendant or defendants that ſhall be tried in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Goal Delivery, ſhall be a fund to defray the expences of the ſaid jurors attending on ſaid Courts; and if the ſame ſhould prove deficient, the Clerk of the ſaid Court is hereby required to make out an order in favour of each juror, for ſuch balance as may be due for his attendance aforeſaid, on the Treaſurer of the county, who is hereby authoriſed and required to pay the ſame; and that the Judge ſhall, after examining what money has been received as aforeſaid, ſign the ſaid orders; and that each juror ſhall be allowed, for every day's attendance at ſaid Courts, and no more.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That it ſhall and may be lawful for any plaintiff or plaintiffs, defendant or defendants, in any action or ſuit depending or to be brought in ſaid Court, to enter a rule for a jury to be ſtruck, before the Clerk of the reſpective county where the cauſe hath been brought, for the trial of any iſſue joined in any of the ſaid cauſes, and triable by a jury of twelve men, in ſuch manner as ſpecial juries have been and uſually are ſtruck, which ſaid jury ſo ſtruck ſhall be the jury returned for the trial of the ſaid iſſue.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid jury or juries ſhall be ſtruck before the expiration of thirty days (incluſive) from the return of the original writ in the ſaid cauſe or cauſes, and that the party applying for and obtaining ſuch rule ſhall ſerve a copy thereof on the oppoſite attorney, and ſerve him alſo at the ſame time with a copy of the liſt of the jurors to be ſtruck, and notice to attend to ſtrike the ſame at the office of the ſaid Clerk, within four days at moſt from the ſervice of the ſaid notice.

And provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the perſon or party who ſhall apply for ſuch jury to be ſtruck as aforeſaid ſhall bear and pay the fees for ſtriking ſuch jury, and ſhall not have any allowance for the ſame upon taxation, unleſs the Judge who tries the cauſe ſhall certify that it was a cauſe proper to be tried by a ſpecial jury.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſalary of each of the Puiſne Judges of the ſaid Court ſhall be per annum, payable quarterly as heretofore, by draughts on the State Treaſury; and that the ſalaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court ſhall be, and the ſame are hereby declared to be fixed and ſettled on them and their ſucceſſors, during their continuance in their ſeveral and reſpective commiſſions.

AND WHEREAS the practice of iſſuing writs of habeas corpus and certiorari, to remove cauſes from the Courts of Common Pleas after the ſame are at iſſue, and frequently when the jury are at the bar, and the cauſes are on the point of being tried, is miſchievous, and tends to the delay of juſtice: *Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforeſaid*, That no writ of habeas corpus or certiorari, for the removal of any cauſe or ſuit from the Courts of Common Pleas, or any of them, into the Supreme Court, ſhall be received or allowed by the Judge or Judges of the ſaid Courts of Common Pleas, or any of them, to whom the ſame ſhall be delivered (but that the ſaid Judge or Judges ſhall and may proceed in ſuch cauſe as if no ſuch writ had been delivered to him or them) unleſs the ſaid writ or writs be delivered on or before the laſt day of the term in which iſſue is joined.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That whenever any cauſe or ſuit ſhall be removed into the Supreme Court from any Court of Common Pleas, every cauſe or ſuit ſo removed ſhall be carried on in the Supreme Court after ſuch removal, under and ſubject to the ſame rules and regulations as if the ſame had been originally commenced in the Supreme Court.

AND WHEREAS the maxim of the law, THAT THE STATE PAYS NO COSTS, hath been juſtly conſidered as a remnant of the tyranny of ancient prerogative, and hath been attended in numerous inſtances with great oppreſſion and injuſtice to ſuch perſons as have been found not guilty by their country: AND WHEREAS it is highly expedient that a maxim ſo repugnant to the principles of reaſon and juſtice ſhould be aboliſhed in the commonwealth of Pennſylvania: *Be it therefore further enacted by the authority aforeſaid*, That in all proſecutions in the name and on the behalf of the commonwealth or ſtate of Pennſylvania, for any offence or crime whatever, and on which the perſon or perſons ſo proſecuted ſhall be acquitted by the grand jury, there ſhall not be any coſts or court charges paid by the perſon or perſons ſo acquitted, but that all and every ſuch perſon and perſons ſhall be entirely exempted and diſcharged from paying any coſts or court charges whatever.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That where any perſon or perſons ſhall or may be acquitted by the pettit jury on any proſecution as aforeſaid, the perſon or perſons ſo acquitted by the pettit jury ſhall be entirely exempted and diſcharged from paying any coſts or court charges whatever, unleſs the Court before whom ſuch perſon or perſons may be tried ſhall certify that there was reaſonable or probable cauſe of proſecution.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That in all caſes where any perſon or perſons ſhall or may be acquitted by the grand jury, and in all caſes where any perſon or perſons ſhall or may be acquitted by the pettit jury (and in which the Court ſhall not certify that there was reaſonable and probable cauſe of proſecution) the coſts of the ſeveral officers of the Court, and all ſuch other charges as have heretofore been paid by perſons ſo acquitted, ſhall be paid and ſatisfied out of the treaſury of the county in which the perſon or perſons ſhall happen to be ſo as aforeſaid proſecuted and acquitted.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Court before which ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall be tried and acquitted as aforeſaid ſhall ſign an order or draught on the treaſurer of the county, requiring him to pay all ſuch bills of coſts, after the Court ſhall have examined and taxed the ſame: And the ſaid treaſurer is hereby required and enjoined to pay the ſaid bills of coſts which ſhall be allowed by the Court in manner aforeſaid.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That on the removal of any cauſe or ſuit by any plaintiff or plaintiffs from any Court of Common Pleas to the Supreme Court, wherein ſpecial bail hath been entered below, the ſame bail ſhall be and continue, notwithſtanding ſuch removal, to all intents and purpoſes; and the Clerk ſhall make out a copy of the entry of ſuch bail, and tranſmit the ſame with the record to the Supreme Court.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Juſtices of the Courts of Common Pleas in the ſeveral counties in this commonwealth, ſhall not permit or ſuffer the Clerk of the Supreme Court to practice as an Attorney in any of the ſaid Courts, or to advocate any cauſe or cauſes before them, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the coſt of the original writ and ſummons in the Supreme Court ſhall be double the coſt of the ſame in the Court of Common Pleas, and that all other fees in the ſaid Supreme Court ſhall be the ſame as heretofore.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Supreme Executive Council ſhall appoint and commiſſionate ſome ſuitable perſon to be Chief Juſtice of the Courts of Common Pleas for the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks and Cheſter; and ſome other ſuitable perſon to be Chief Juſtice of the Courts of Common Pleas for the counties of Berks, Northampton and Northumberland; and ſome other ſuitable perſon to be Chief Juſtice of the Courts of Common Pleas for the counties of Lancaſter, York and Cumberland; and ſome other ſuitable perſon to be Chief Juſtice of the Courts of Common Pleas for the counties of Bedford, Weſtmoreland and Waſhington; and that they ſhall alſo appoint and commiſſionate two other ſuitable perſons, reſiding in the ſeveral and reſpective counties aforeſaid, to be Aſſiſtant Juſtices, in their ſeveral and reſpective counties, to the Chief Juſtice of the ſaid counties; and any two of the Juſtices aforeſaid are hereby enabled to hold Courts of Common Pleas in the ſeveral and reſpective counties for which they ſhall be ſo appointed and commiſſionated.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Courts of Common Pleas, and each and every of them, and each and every Juſtice of the ſaid Courts, in their ſeveral and reſpective counties, ſhall have and exerciſe, and they hereby are veſted with all the power, authority and juriſdiction, which Juſtices of

Courts of Common Pleas have heretofore poſſeſſed and exerciſed, or are entitled to poſſeſs and exerciſe by the laws of this commonwealth; and ſhall be Juſtices of the Orphans Court in their ſeveral and reſpective counties; and the ſaid Chief Juſtices ſhall and may take acknowledgments of all or any deed or deeds of lands and tenements, ſituated and lying within any of the three counties reſpectively aſſigned to them.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Courts of Quarter Seſſions ſhall not poſſeſs or exerciſe any of the powers of Courts of Common Pleas, or Orphans Courts, but ſhall retain and continue to exerciſe all the other powers and juriſdictions veſted in them by the laws of this commonwealth; and every Juſtice of the Peace ſhall have authority to proceed in caſes of debt not exceeding five pounds, under and ſubject to the ſame regulations as by law heretofore eſtabliſhed.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That nothing in this act contained ſhall hinder or prevent any of the ſaid Juſtices of the Courts of Common Pleas from being elected or appointed to be Juſtices of the Peace, and acting as ſuch.

And provided alſo, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That no Juſtice of the Court of Common Pleas ſhall have authority to proceed in caſes of debt not exceeding five pounds, unleſs he be alſo a Juſtice of the Peace.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Courts of Quarter Seſſions ſhall be holden and kept four times every year in each county, on the Mondays in the reſpective weeks in which they have heretofore been holden; and the Courts of Common Pleas ſhall be holden and kept in the ſeveral and reſpective counties on the Wedneſdays following the Mondays whereon the Quarter Seſſions ſhall be reſpectively holden.

Provided always, and be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the Courts of Quarter Seſſions may be kept and continued for the ſpace of three days (incluſive) in any county within this commonwealth, and no longer.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That the ſalary or annual pay of the Chief Juſtice of the Courts of Common Pleas for the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks and Cheſter, ſhall be and of each of the Aſſiſtant Juſtices in ſaid counties

And the ſalary or annual pay of the Chief Juſtice of the counties of Lancaſter, York and Cumberland, ſhall be and of each of the Aſſiſtant Juſtices in ſaid counties

And the ſalary or annual pay of the Chief Juſtice of the counties of Berks, Northampton and Northumberland, ſhall be and of each of the Aſſiſtant Juſtices in ſaid counties

And the ſalary or annual pay of the Chief Juſtice of the counties of Bedford, Weſtmoreland and Waſhington, ſhall be and of each of the Aſſiſtant Juſtices in ſaid counties payable by draughts, quarterly, in the like manner as the ſalaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court; and the ſaid ſalaries, ſo as above ſettled on the Juſtices of the Courts of Common Pleas, are hereby declared to be fixed during their continuance in their ſeveral and reſpective commiſſions.

And in order to increaſe the public revenue, without any new impoſition on the people, and thereby the better to enable the commonwealth to pay the ſalaries above mentioned, *Be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid*, That the Prothonotaries of the ſeveral counties herein after mentioned ſhall pay, out of the fees of their offices, yearly and every year, from and after the paſſing of this act, into the State Treaſury, in two equal payments, the ſums herein after mentioned; that is to ſay,

The Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the city and county of Philadelphia ſhall pay the ſum of

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And if the Prothonotaries above mentioned, or any of them, ſhall neglect, for the ſpace of ſix months, to make any of the payments required by this act, it ſhall and may be lawful for the Supreme Executive Council, and they are hereby directed, to remove from his office every Prothonotary ſo neglecting to make ſuch payment for the ſpace aforeſaid; and the Treaſurer of the ſtate ſhall from time to time give information to the Supreme Executive Council, of ſuch Prothonotary as ſhall neglect as aforeſaid for ſix months to make the payments required by this act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That in caſe of removal, reſignation, or death of any of the Prothonotaries aforeſaid, he, his heirs, executors, or adminiſtrators, as the caſe may be, ſhall pay ſuch ſums as may be due and not accounted for.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That if the plaintiff or plaintiffs ſhall neglect to bring his or their cauſe or cauſes to trial in any of the ſaid Courts of Common Pleas, the ſaid Courts are hereby reſpectively required, without any motion for that purpoſe on the part of the defendant or defendants, at the eighth term (incluſive) from and after the bringing or commencing the ſaid ſuit or action, to give judgment as in caſe of nonſuit; and that ſuch judgment or judgments ſhall have only the force and effect of judgment on nonſuit, and no other force and effect; and the Court which gives ſuch judgment ſhall award execution againſt the plaintiff or plaintiffs for the coſts, as in caſe of nonſuit.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That ſo much of an act, entituled "An act for raiſing and collecting of money "on the ſpecified articles therein mentioned, for the ſupport of "government, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned," as relates to an aſſeſſment or tax impoſed on writs iſſued out of the Prothonotaries offices therein mentioned, is hereby repealed and made void from and after the paſſing of this act.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforeſaid, That ſo much of any former laws of this commonwealth, as is contradictory to this act, and no more, is hereby repealed and made void.

WANTED,

To wait on a Gentleman, a Lady, and a Child about ten years old, who are going to England,

A SOBER, handy MAN SERVANT, who can dreſs hair, and if he ſpeaks the French language it will be more acceptable: If he behaves well, and chooſes, he will be retained after his arrival. Alſo two FEMALE SERVANTS, to attend the Lady and Child.

Apply at the City Vendue-Store, in Front-ſtreet.

For BELFAST,

The good Brig RECOVERY,
ROBERT JUNKIN, Maſter,
Now lying at Mr. Andrew Caldwell's wharff (the next below Market-ſtreet) having the greateſt part of her cargoe engaged, will ſail about the 1ſt of December. For freight or paſſage, apply to the Maſter on board, or to ANDREW CALDWELL.

N. B. Said Caldwell has for ſale, a few cheſts of excellent BOHEA TEA, juſt imported. — tbc. 4 w

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SHARP DELANY,

At Boerhave's Head, in Second-ſtreet, next door but one to Walnut-ſtreet,

Has juſt imported from London, in the Olive Branch, Captain FALCONER,

A FRESH and general aſſortment of DRUGS and MEDICINES, which he will ſell on the moſt reaſonable terms for caſh.

WILLIAM MILLER,

At his STORE, in Front-ſtreet, between Cheſnut and Walnut-ſtreets, hath juſt imported in the ſhip Olive Branch, Captain Falconer, from London, and the laſt veſſels from Europe,

A variety of MERCHANDIZE,

Suitable for the ſeaſon, which he will ſell on the moſt reaſonable terms, among which are,

SUPERFINE, middling and low priced broadcloths, ſhalloons, rattinets, tammies, durants, callimancoes and moreens of all colours, ſtriped and plain ſhags, olive corduroys of the beſt quality, red flannels, beſt ſcarf twiſt, death's-head buttons, mens and womens cotton and worſted hoſe, Iriſh linens, Marſeilles quilting, cambricks, kenting and minionett lawns, Scotch white and coloured threads, yard wide ſtriped cotton hollands, plain and ſtriped muſlins, muſlin and linen handkerchiefs, plain and figured ribbands, knives and forks, cutteaus, pen-knives, razors, ſciſſars, &c. &c. &c. §

CALEB FOULKE,

Has juſt received by the Waſhington, Captain Joſiah,

A LARGE aſſortment of low and middling priced blue, brown, olive, drab, ſnuff, light blue and ſcarlet broadcloths, blue and mixed duffils, 7-qr. and yard wide blue, brown and mixed coatings, plains, foreſt and hunters cloths; which will be diſpoſed of on reaſonable terms, at his houſe in Market-ſtreet, between Fourth and Fifth-ſtreets; where alſo may be had a large aſſortment of calicoes and chintzes, juſt opened, and a variety of other goods ſuitable to the ſeaſon §

WANTED,

A SERVANT MAN, who is capable and underſtands waiting on table in a genteel family. Enquire of the PRINTERS.

Wanted immediately,

A new or Second-Hand SULKEY.

Any perſon having ſuch a one to diſpoſe of, may hear of a Purchaſer, by applying to the Printers. §

TO BE SOLD,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, in Fawn townſhip, York county, near the Maryland line, containing about 400 acres, 316 of which are patented, the remainder under application, the whole is in excellent order, and divided into 2 farms; the largeſt is well improved, on which is a dwelling-houſe, kitchen, barn and ſtable, a good ſtone ſpring-houſe, waſh and meat-houſe, a good apple and peach orchard, with many other kinds of fruit trees, about 14 acres of meadow which produces good graſs, and much more may be made; on the other part is a log dwelling-houſe and kitchen, a barn, ſtables, &c. with a very good thriving orchard, and a never failing ſpring near the door; on this tract is 50 acres of meadow ground, ſome of which is ditched, and the ſoil equal to any in that part of the country; there are ſeveral griſt and merchant mills near the above premiſes, alſo a Meeting-houſe, belonging to the people called Quakers, and ſeveral other places of worſhip. The above farms are well adapted for grazing and raiſing ſtock, which may be fattened in the ſummer ſeaſon without expence. The above land will be ſold together or ſeparately as it may ſuit the purchaſers. Poſſeſſion may be immediately taken of the largeſt place, with the grain now in the ground. The other is rented until April next, and the tenant to have the benefit of the next crop, he paying to the landlord one third thereof. For terms of ſale, apply to the ſubſcriber, at Deer Creek, or to Levan Hopkins, near the premiſes. ¶ JOHN WILSON.

To be SOLD by public Vendue,

On the premiſes, on WEDNESDAY, the third day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon (if not ſold before at private ſale)

A WOODEN FRAME MESSUAGE or TENEMENT, part brick-pained and plaiſtered, and large WATER LOT of Ground thereto belonging, ſituate in Kenſington, in the townſhip of the Northern Liberties, containing in breadth on Queen-ſtreet 35 feet, and extending from thence, croſſing another public ſtreet, into the river Delaware; bounded on the north by Queen-ſtreet, on the eaſt by a meſſuage and lot late of Jehu Eyre, deceaſed, on the ſouth by the ſaid river, and on the weſt with ground of William Henry. This ſituation is very convenient for a ſhip-wright or maſt-maker. The purchaſer paying one half the purchaſe-money in hand, ſhall have a ſufficient title made him, upon giving ſufficient ſecurity, and paying intereſt for the remainder in three months thereafter. For further particulars, apply to the ſubſcriber, on the premiſes. GEORGE FOX.

Kenſington, November 5, 1783. ‡

TO BE SOLD,

A New three ſtory brick HOUSE, with two rooms on a floor, and a good garret, and two ſtory kitchen, with a handſome chamber and fire-place over it, a good cellar under the whole, and cellar windows glazed, all juſt finiſhed; the ſaid houſe and kitchen are ſituate on the main ſtreet in the borough of Wilmington, New-Caſtle county. The premiſes are conveniently calculated, having an alley to the front of the houſe, with a privilege of a fourth part of a new pump of water, nearly before the door. The lot is clear of ground-rent, and extends through the ſquare from ſtreet to ſtreet, with a commodious ſtable and garden on the back part thereof. For further particulars, apply to WILLIAM ZANE, in Philadelphia, or JOEL ZANE, in Wilmington aforeſaid, who will ſhew the premiſes.

N. B. If the ſaid houſe and lot are not ſold in ſix weeks from this date, the ſubſcriber propoſes renting the ſame.

Philad. 11th Mo. 3d. ‡ tbc. WILLIAM ZANE.

ALL perſons who are indebted to the eſtate of GEORGE SMEDLEY, late of Williſtown townſhip, Cheſter county, deceaſed, are hereby deſired to come in and pay them off as ſpeedily as may be; likewiſe all perſons who have any demands againſt ſaid eſtate, to bring in their accounts, fair and clearly ſtated, in order that they may be diſcharged.

10th Mo. 28th. § PATIENCE SMEDLEY, Adminiſt.

York-Town, Auguſt 28, 1783.

WHEREAS I, Frederick Stimawer, gave three bonds to John Hamilton, of York county, for the ſum of One hundred and fifty pounds, to pay fifty pounds yearly, on the 27th of June, 1783, 1784, and 1785. Theſe are to forewarn all perſons from taking aſſignments on ſaid bonds, as I am determined not to pay the ſame, unleſs compelled by law. ¶ FREDERICK STIMAWER.

CAME to the plantation of the ſubſcriber, living in the town of Darby, Cheſter county, on the 14th of Auguſt laſt, a ſmall black COW, with ſome white in her face. The owner is deſired to come, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

Darby, Nov. 8, 1783. ‡ ROBERT REED.

Will be expoſed to public SALE,

On the 8th day of December next,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, containing 255 acres of land, lying in Southampton townſhip, Bucks county, late the property of Peter Praul, deceaſed, proportionably divided into cleared plow-land, good watered meadow and timber, well watered with ſeveral unfailing ſprings and two lively ſtreams; there are on ſaid plantation two apple-orchards, a variety of other fruit trees, two dwelling-houſes, one of which is of ſtone, the other of hewn logs, two framed barns, and other out-buildings; bounded on one ſide by Neſhaminey, and diſtant from Philadelphia 20 miles. The terms will be made known at the premiſes on the day of ſale, where due attendance will be given by ¶ JOHN PRAUL.

York-Town, October 20, 1783.

WHEREAS my wife HANNAH MILLER, alias PYM, hath heretofore behaved in an unbecoming manner, and lately eloped from my houſe with another man: I give this public warning, that no debts of her contracting will be paid after the above date, by § JAMES MILLER.

United States Pay-Office.

PHILADELPHIA, 4th Nov, 1783.

ON the 30th of laſt month ſome daring villain having carried off the Mail from the Poſt-Office at Princeton, in which there were, among other papers, the following NOTES of MICHAEL HILLEGAS, eſquire, Continental Treaſurer, all dated the firſt of October laſt. All perſons are therefore hereby requeſted to interrogate ſuch perſon or perſons with whom any of theſe Notes may be found, to the end that the perpetrator of the robbery may be brought to condign puniſhment: to obtain which, it is hoped every true friend to his country will exert himſelf to the utmoſt.

Note. The Treaſurer has orders not to redeem theſe Notes, which are as follows:

	No. of the Bills.	Marks of the three Lower Denominations.	Bills of One Dollar.	Bills of Two Dollars.	Bills of Four Dollars.	Marks of the three Higher Denominations.	Bills of Eight Dollars.	Bills of Ten Dollars.	Bills of Fifteen Dollars.
6 bills	134	Gf	1	1	1	Ge	1	1	1
6 do.	135	Gn	1	1	1	Gh	1	1	1
6 do.	136	Gx	1	1	1	Gf	1	1	1
6 do.	137	Ga	1	1	1	Gn	1	1	1
6 do.	138	Gw	1	1	1	Gx	1	1	1
6 do.	139	Gg	1	1	1	Ga	1	1	1
6 do.	140	Gi	1	1	1	Gw	1	1	1
6 do.	141	Gp	1	1	1	Gg	1	1	1
6 do.	142	Gy	1	1	1	Gi	1	1	1
6 do.	143	Gj	1	1	1	Gp	1	1	1
6 do.	144	Gr	1	1	1	Gy	1	1	1
6 do.	145	Gt	1	1	1	Gj	1	1	1
6 do.	146	Gq	1	1	1	Gr	1	1	1
6 do.	147	G&	1	1	1	Gt	1	1	1
6 do.	148	Gk	1	1	1	Gq	1	1	1
6 do.	149	Gv	1	1	1	G&	1	1	1
6 do.	150	Gz	1	1	1	Gk	1	1	1
6 do.	151	Gb	1	1	1	Gv	1	1	1
6 do.	152	Gm	1	1	1	Gz	1	1	1
6 do.	153	Gd	1	1	1	Gb	1	1	1
6 do.	154	Gu	1	1	1	Gm	1	1	1
6 do.	155	Gc	1	1	1	Gd	1	1	1
6 do.	156	Gl	1	1	1	Gu	1	1	1
6 do.	157	Go	1	1	1	Go	1	1	1
6 do.	158	Gs	1	1	1	Gl	1	1	1
6 do.	159	Ho	1	1	1	Hc	1	1	1
6 do.	160	Hs	1	1	1	Hl	1	1	1
6 do.	161	He	1	1	1	Ho	1	1	1
6 do.	162	Hh	1	1	1	Hs	1	1	1
6 do.	163	Hf	1	1	1	He	1	1	1
6 do.	164	Hn	1	1	1	Hh	1	1	1
6 do.	165	Hx	1	1	1	Hf	1	1	1
6 do.	166	Ha	1	1	1	Hn	1	1	1
6 do.	167	Hw	1	1	1	Hx	1	1	1
6 do.	168	Hg	1	1	1	Ha	1	1	1
6 do.	169	Hi	1	1	1	Hw	1	1	1
6 do.	170	Hp	1	1	1	Hg	1	1	1
6 do.	171	Hy	1	1	1	Hi	1	1	1
6 do.	172	Hj	1	1	1	Hp	1	1	1
6 do.	173	Hr	1	1	1	Hy	1	1	1
6 do.	174	Ht	1	1	1	Hj	1	1	1
6 do.	175	Hq	1	1	1	Hr	1	1	1
6 do.	176	H&	1	1	1	Ht	1	1	1
6 do.	177	Hk	1	1	1	Hq	1	1	1
6 do.	178	Hv	1	1	1	H&	1	1	1
6 do.	179	Hz	1	1	1	Hk	1	1	1
6 do.	180	Hb	1	1	1	Hv	1	1	1
6 do.	181	Hm	1	1	1	Hz	1	1	1
6 do.	182	Hd	1	1	1	Hb	1	1	1
6 do.	183	Hu	1	1	1	Hm	1	1	1
3 do.	184					Hd	1	1	1
3 do.	185					Hu	1	1	1
1 do.	186					Ib	1	1	1
3 do.	187					Im	1	1	1
3 do.	188					Id	1	1	1
3 do.	189					Iu	1	1	1
3 do.	190					Ic	1	1	1
3 do.	191					Il	1	1	1
3 do.	192					Io	1	1	1
3 do.	193					Is	1	1	1
3 do.	194					Ic	1	1	1
3 do.	195					Ih	1	1	1
3 do.	196					If	1	1	1
3 do.	197					In	1	1	1
3 do.	198					Ix	1	1	1
3 do.	199					Ia	1	1	1
3 do.	200					Iw	1	1	1
3 do.	201					Ig	1	1	1
3 do.	202					Ii	1	1	1
3 do.	203					Ip	1	1	1
3 do.	204					Iy	1	1	1
3 do.	205					Ij	1	1	1
3 do.	206					Ir	1	1	1
3 do.	207					It	1	1	1
3 do.	208					Iq	1	1	1
						I&	1	1	1
						Ik	1	1	1

N. B. All Printers in the United States are requeſted to publiſh the above in their ſeveral Papers.

LONDON.

Sept. 2. A gentleman, who came to town yesterday from Paris, says, that great preparations were making in that city for a general rejoicing on the signing the definitive treaty; that the Dutch Ambassador is much chagrined at not being able to prevail on the Court of France to put off signing it a few days longer.

The troubles in America have already one beneficial consequence towards this country; they have put a period, at least for a time, to the madness of emigration; for who would fly from a rock to build on sand.

It is said with confidence, that the French propose that the English shall be put in possession of Trincomale, as a douceur for obtaining their connivance at France's possessing the Cape of Good Hope.

This day the definitive treaties between Great-Britain, France, Spain and the United States of America, are to be signed at Paris ---On the part of Great-Britain it is a day of humiliation---She confirms the Independence of her own subjects, and treats with them as Sovereign States.

Sept. 9. We have been informed that the order for publicly proclaiming peace issued yesterday, has been countermanded by his Majesty, and the declaration put off for a few days.

The ratification of the Definitive Treaty of Peace is, the ratification of their seats in the Cabinet to the present Ministry. They have now put it out of the power of their snarling enemies to say aught against them; and the people, una voce, must cry "May the King live long, and may the Whig interest ever sit at the helm of public affairs."

The Custom-house duties have already encreased surprisingly. The augmentation in the amount has, we understand, been much more than in the same short period, after the last peace.

About four years ago, a Mr. French sent a challenge to a Mr. Wilken. Mr. Wilken met him in the field, and asked him how many children he had—Mr. French replied "one." I have eight, said the other, and you must go home and get seven more before we can fight on an equal footing.

Sept. 11. The value of American lands must be finally fixed by the nature and firmness or versatility of their government, and the proportion that *agriculture* there will bear to *commerce*. *This* is the *criterion*. All else is but an *idle dream*.

Numbers are gaping to hear what are the express terms of the Definitive Treaty---This employs a host of *wonderers*; yet when the matter in question is known, it will probably prove a *nine days wonder*, and dropping into oblivion, "mingle with the crowd that went before it," while "NIL *admirari*" will be the maxim of the *philosophical* politician.

The Definitive Treaties and the East-India affairs will be the first object of Parliamentary altercation. The strength or weakness of opposition will be evinced on the discussion of those subjects; and the doubts respecting the permanency of the present singular junction will be resolved.

Sept. 12. Tuesday night David Hartly Esq; arrived in town from Paris with the Definitive Treaty of Peace with America.

Extract of a letter from Paris, Sept. 4.

"The Commercial Treaty, which has been so long negociating with America, *is vanished in smoke*. What were the grounds on which the difference turned between England and America, and which prevented the conclusion of the treaty, is not easy to discover; but some of them at least may be ascertained; though the the British Ministers may not, perhaps, be very ready to avow them. Early in the negociation, Dr. Franklin asked Mr. Hartly, if any mention was made of *Ireland* in his instructions, and if he had any power to name, and specifically include, that kingdom in the treaty? Mr. Hartly did not seem prepared for such a question: he answered it however in the negative: Dr. Franklin upon this observed, that as Ireland was now avowedly an independent kingdom, it might hereafter be made a question, how far she could be understood to be included, without being named in a treaty entered into by Great-Britain—The Portugal business, he said, shewed the necessity of naming Ireland in the articles, in order to remove all grounds for disputing hereafter, either on the part of England or of America, how far Ireland could be bound by the act of a British Ministry, or whether she could be bound at all by it; he was therefore of opinion, that Mr Hartly should write to his Court for instructions on this head. Whether the English Commissioner did so or not, you can learn better at home than from me; but certain it is, that Mr. Hartly never after mentioned one word upon the subject of Ireland to the American Minister; so that it is fair to conclude either that he did not write a word about the the business to his Court, which is excessively improbable, or that the Cabinet of St. James's do not like the idea, and refused to comply with the D's requisition; be that however as it may, the negociation with America is at an end."

PHILADELPHIA, November 12.

Thursday last the Council and General Assembly of this Commonwealth proceeded to the choice of President and Vice-President of the Supreme Executive Council, when his Excellency JOHN DICKINSON, Esq; and the Honorable JAMES EWING, Esq; were unanimously re-elected to those important and elevated stations, for the ensuing year.

The day was observed with the usual formalities and rejoicings, viz. the display of the State flag on Market-street wharff, the firing the United States salute by a company of the militia train of artillery, an elegant entertainment, the ringing of bells, &c. &c.

It is with great pleasure that we mention the arrival in this port of the ship Olive Branch, Captain Falconer, from London.

The ship Commerce, West, arrived at Boston from Lisbon, about the beginning of October, in lat. 36, 58. long. 69, fell in with the ship N. S. Dasneceffidades St. Jose and Almes, Captain Joze Alves Ramos, which had lost her mainmast and foretopmast in a gale of wind. She was bound from Lisbon for Philadelphia.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of EDWARD HUGHS, of Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, deceased, to make payment to us the subscribers, on or before the 25th, 26th or 27th of this instant. when attendance will be given by us at the premises, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs; and all persons having any demands against said estate, are desired to bring in their accounts said days, properly attested, in order that they may be adjusted as soon as possible, by

ELIZABETH HUGHS, Administratrix.
DAVID MORGAN, and SAMUEL ELLIOT, } Administrat.

Nov. 3. §

STATE of PENNSYLVANIA.
In GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Monday, November 10, 1783. A. M.

The Committee, appointed for the purpose *November* 7, reported a copy of the Speech, as delivered in this House by his Excellency the President.

Ordered, That the same be inserted on the Minutes,

Extract from the Minutes,

PETER Z. LLOYD, Clerk of the General Assembly.

GENTLEMEN,

I ENTREAT that you will be pleased to accept my thanks, for the appointment to the Presidency which you have now made, and my assurances, that I will try to discharge the duties of that station in the best manner I am able.

Power, derived from the affection of fellow-citizens, is truly valuable----especially to a person, who, *during the whole course of his life*, could never be induced to value *any other* kind of power.

Yet, whatever pleasure or distinction arises from this evidence of your regard, I cannot but reflect how very short-lived they must prove, unless, by fidelity, integrity and diligence, I strenuously endeavour to vindicate your proceeding, and thereby to aid my character.

These qualities shall not be wanting; and, as to deficiencies in other respects, it is a strong encouragement to me, that I can confidently rely for assistance upon your wisdom.

Indeed! a vast work remains to be performed, and that requires all the virtues and abilities of every person in the principal departments to accomplish.

To *their* filial cares is committed a great and respectable state, just delivered from the distresses of war, and yet bleeding with many wounds.

From *them*, the people of *Pennsylvania* expect measures to evince, that the late disputes have been for a noble opportunity of promoting the *general good*, and not for the poor purpose of gratifying inferior designs. Guided by these laudable views, *they* will generously disdain any other revenge, than that of diffusing benefits among their opponents themselves. Their enlightened and benevolent minds will readily determine---that he is an enemy to the state, who, in a public post, treats a *fellow-citizen* as an enemy to himself.

Upon *them*, among the rulers of *America*, is turned the attention of *Europe*, earnestly observing, whether, on this continent, we know how to *use*, as well as how to *acquire* empire---whether we are to be envied and admired, or pitied and despised---and in fine, whether, left as we are to ourselves, upon this fair and solemn trial before the nations of the earth, *the cause of* * *Republican Liberty* shall in our instance be justified by its effects, or shall be condemned, as the introducer of more calamities than it removes.

To *them* is delegated the sacred trust, of realizing the blessings of freedom, for which so many brave men have suffered---fought---or died---and of improving to the best advantage the signal favors, which Providence hath condescended to bestow upon the inhabitants of this land.

Motives so grand and so venerable must have their proper influence; and stability of government, good laws, and a veneration for them, all of which are indispensibly necessary, will afford reasonable expectations of other felicities.

But these can never be attained in a commonwealth, unless the members of the community are impressed with an affectionate regard for each other; because, in such governments peculiarly, their private dispositions are perpetually operating on public affairs. Every individual, therefore, should constantly remember, that he is a *citizen*, as well as a *man*----that Heaven itself has formed the relationship, with all its obligations, by endowing him with reason, and framing his nature for civil society----that of course he ought to love his compatriots, and be as anxious and active for their combined happiness and honor, as for his own welfare----and he should firmly believe that this is his true interest, as well as his inviolable duty.

It was by thinking and acting in this manner, that the citizens of *Greece* and *Rome* in their better days elevated those republics to the eminent rank in fame, which, even at this distant period of time, engages the universal applause of mankind. The body of the people was animated as it were by *one* soul. From this simple origin sprung their astonishing atchievements. Nor should it be forgot, that it was by ceasing thus to think and act, that their degenerate posterity resigned themselves to feuds and discords, and with mutual malice undermining that strength which all their foreign foes could not conquer, at length sunk together, miserably employed in hateing and being hated, into irrecoverable confusion and utter destruction.

More recent, and equally mournful, examples of this political truth might be adduced. The same vices, with a baneful regularity, produce in different regions and ages the same consequences; and the factions and divisions among citizens are still found, as by a natural progression, to change the enraged and unreasonable adversaries, blindly intent only on the success of their own ignoble quarrels, into humble and sympathising companions in the drudgeries of a servitude, which they have thus conspired to entail one upon another. Let us not, with presumptuous rashness, suppose that we can imitate their fault, without experiencing their fate.

Words cannot express how much our guilt must, in perpetrating the like crimes, exceed that of the republics before mentioned. Their misfortunes, and the causes of them, have been providentially transmitted to us as faithful warnings, in records of indisputable authority----all the succeeding improvements of the human mind are freely presented to us, for our use---and to us is sent the light of a holy religion, breathing the spirit of peace and benignity, perfectly explaining the duties of life, and inviting to an observance of them, by the most affecting and sublime considerations.

To offend against such knowledge, thus munificently offered to our use, is despitefully to reprobate the best gifts of the bountiful creator, and impiously to renounce that kind and social temper, which his immutable law makes the foundation of all private and public happiness.

My ardent desire is, that the people of this state may be governed by better sentiments, so that every one, stedfastly looking to the glorious object that under the dear name of *country* comprehends the concerns of all, and conscientiously consulting its advancement, the collected force of the whole may be uniformly exerted to supply that *common fund of prosperity*, from which each particular is to draw his share. May the divine goodness confirm these resolutions in us, and grant that there be no contention among us, but who shall best serve *Pennsylvania*.

For my part, I cannot but consider the union of those who are devoted to the principles of the revolution, as of special importance; and as I shall ever cultivate the friendship of such men, I have not the least doubt but I shall always receive their support.

To conclude------

Gentlemen,

I beg you to be entirely persuaded, that my lips speak a language which my heart dictates, when I say----that I wish for no greater happiness in this world, than to be useful to my fellow-citizens, and for no higher honour, than to be esteemed by them.

* "I make it my humble and earnest prayer-----that *America* may be free from those calamities, which formerly *proved* in the mother country, how essential *monarchy* is to the enjoyment of constitutional liberty."

Speech of his Britannic *Majesty on the* 5*th of* December 1782, *acknowledging the Independence of* The United States.

On the Evening of *THURSDAY*,
The 13th of November, 1783,

Auction of BOOKS,

Will commence this EVENING,

Near St. Paul's Church, in Third-street, and will be continued for several Evenings successively, when a considerable Variety of the most excellent Authors in ARTS. SCIENCES and ENTERTAINMENT, will be instantaneously sold, or sacrificed, according to the Taste of the Company.

Hours of Sale, each Evening, from Six to Nine o'Clock. Printed Catalogues of the Books to be had on Wednesday Morning, at the Place of Sale.

To be SOLD by public Vendue,

At the Coffee-House, on Saturday, the 22d instant November, at twelve o'clock,

A TWO story Brick House, Kitchen and Lot of Ground, adjoining to Mr. Jonathan Schofield's, on the old Germantown road, between the forks of Front and Second-streets continued; the lot is 33 feet front, and 174 feet deep; the dwelling is 28 feet front, 17 feet deep, two rooms on a floor, with an entry; the back buildings are 27 feet in length by 13 feet deep; the whole in good tenantable repair, except plaistering, a pump of excellent water in the yard, with brass chambers compleat. ¶ JOHN BAYARD, Auctioneer.

TO BE SOLD,

A GOOD waggon and four stout horses with geers, all fit for immediate service; the waggon is well bound with iron, has tail and side boards, awning staples, &c.

Also a good horse fit for saddle or carriage, he was got by Mr. Hiltzheimer's Babraham, his dam by John Corryell's noted horse Valiant. Enquire of WILLIAM BALL, in Market-street, on the north side of the Jersey market, and five doors below the Printers hereof.

To be SOLD by the subscriber,

At public Vendue, on FRIDAY, the 28th inst.

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, lying in the township of Amwell, county of Hunterdon, and state of New-Jersey, three miles from Ringoe's noted tavern, and six miles from Benjamin Howell's Ferry, containing 230 acres, well timbered, and watered with good springs, with a sufficient quantity of meadow; on the premises are a large stone dwelling-house, a good barn, with convenient out-houses, also a famous bearing orchard. The conditions will be made known on the day of sale, and attendance given, by EDWARD TAYLOR. § Nov. 8.

To be Sold at private Sale,

TWO valuable lots of LAND, lying contiguous to each other, situate in Horsham township, Philadelphia county, 19 miles from the city and four from the Crooked Billet, being part of that valuable and well known farm, commonly called Græme Park; one of said lots contains 211 acres, 55 of which are woodland, a good proportion of meadow, and two apple orchards, the whole of said lot being of an exceeding good soil, well watered and in good tenantable repair. The other lot contains 175 acres, 75 of which is woodland, and a large proportion of meadow, the whole lot being well watered by several springs and a branch of Neshaminey-creek, which runs through the same; there are on said premises a log dwelling-house, a large barn covered with cedar, and a stone spring-house; the whole in good tenantable repair. The situation of said premises is very healthy, exceedingly pleasant, in a good neighbourhood, convenient to several mills, and to places of worship of almost every denomination. Any person inclining to purchase, may know the terms (which will be made easy to the purchaser) by applying to Mr. George Meade, or Dr. Frederick Phile, in Philadelphia, or the subscriber, near the premises,

ELIZABETH FERGUSSON.

N. B. The title is indisputable. ¶

A SCHOOL,

KEPT by the subscriber, near Walnut-street, in Third-street, opposite Pear-street, where youth are taught the English language, according to Louth and Sherridan's grammar rules; mercantile arithmetic and book-keeping, according to Dowling's system, which is allowed to be the most accurate method now extant in Europe; also geography, Euclid's elements of geometry, trigonometry, &c. with their application to mathematics.

As the subscriber has been several years employed in the tuition of youth, and can produce satisfactory credentials for conduct and ability, and being determined to confine himself to a small number of pupils, he flatters himself it will prove very advantageous to gentlemen who intend their children for mercantile business, to commit them to his care; his method of instruction being adapted to real trade, without confining youth to that unnecessary prolixity which retards their progress, so much practised in public seminaries.

As the subscriber was regularly bred to mercantile business, and several years in the practical part of book-keeping, in capital houses of trade in Europe, he would perfect young men in that useful science, or would post books, and settle partnership or other accounts reasonable.

An Evening School for young men kept at said place, by the public's humble servant,

§ 3 w. c 3 m. GEORGE FITZ GERALD.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, in Hatfield township, Philadelphia county, on Friday, the 31st October last, a dark brown HORSE, full 16 hands high, branded on the near shoulder (W) nine years old past, a natural pacer, has a large head, and is cat ham'd. Whoever secures said horse, so that the owner may get him again, shall receive SIX DOLLARS Reward, and reasonable charges, paid by

Nov. 6. § MARTIN WEIERMAN.

CAME to the place of the subscriber, some time ago, living in Lower Dublin township, a dark brown HORSE, between 8 and 9 years old, about 14 hands high, branded with the letters I L, has the two hind feet white, shod before and paces. The owner is desired to come, pay charges and take him away.

DAVID SHNYDER.

N. B. The above horse was advertised in the German papers, but no owner has yet come. ¶

MORRIS & MIERCKEN,

HAVE FOR SALE,

At their SUGAR-HOUSE, in Southwark, and at their STORE, in Second-street, a few Doors below Chesnut-street,

Loaf, Lump and *Muscovado* Sugars, Sugar-Candy and Molasses.

TO BE SOLD,

A THREE story brick HOUSE, with a Kitchen and back Buildings, now in the possession of Mr. Matthew M'Connell, situate on the south side of Market-street, between Front and Second-streets. The lot is 15 feet 3 inches front, and 75 feet in depth. For further particulars, enquire of the Printers. ¶

To be SOLD by public Vendue,

At the Coffee-House, on the 4th day of the week, the 26th of the present month, at 12 o'clock,

The RIGHT which JAMES YOUNG, Esq; deceased, had to

The following LANDS,

ONE Tract, called Turkey Bottom, situate at the Forks of the Ray's-Town and Shawanee Cabin branches of Juniata, containing 230 acres, and allowance of 6 per cent. for roads, &c. This survey is returned in the Office, but the land is not patented.

One other Tract of 300 acres, situate in Turkey Valley, on the west branch of a Run, sinking into the Limestone Ridge, on the north side of the Juniata, and bounded east by William M'Cune, in Cumberland county.

One other Tract of 300 acres, situate also in Turkey Valley, on the north side of the Juniata, bounded east by the last described tract, south by the Limestone Ridge, north by the Mountain in Cumberland county. No return of survey for the two last.

ISAAC HOWELL,)
Philad. Nov. 5. SAMUEL WETHERILL,) Executors.

TO be SOLD by public Vendue,

At the Coffee-House, on SATURDAY, the 22d of this instant November, at Twelve o'Clock,

Two LOTS of GROUND,

Situate on the east side of Passyunk road, near the corner of South-street, adjoining lands of Dr. Shippen; each lot containing in front, on Passyunk road, 20 feet, and in depth 75 feet. §

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, That we, the subscribers, being owners of land on Pettie's-Island (as said island is now part of the State of New-Jersey) intend to petition to the Legislature of said State, at their next sitting, to pass a law to enable the owners of the said Pettie's-Island to erect and make a sufficient bank, and other water works, to prevent the tide from overflowing the same.

SAMUEL COOPER, BENJAMIN LOXLEY,
MARMADUKE COOPER, JOSEPH BOLTON,
WILLIAM COOPER, ANDREW HODGE,
GRIFFITH MORGAN, WILLIAM MOORE.
BENJAMIN WILKINS, *October* 18, 1783. ¶

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Creditors of John Ayres, an insolvent Debtor, to appear at the house of Aziel Pierson, Inn-keeper, in Bridge-town, Cumberland county, New Jersey, on Wednesday, the Twenty-sixth day of November, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to shew cause, if any they have, why an assignment of the said Debtor's estate should not be made, and he discharged from imprisonment, pursuant to the Act of Insolvency. ¶ *Oct.* 22, 1783. JOHN AYRES.

TO BE SOLD,

Pursuant to an order of Orphans Court, on the 5th day of December next, on the premises,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, pleasantly situated near John Thomson's mill, in Northampton township, Bucks county, containing 209 acres old measure, about 130 acres cleared, and the rest good woodland, with 7 acres of good watered meadow and more can be made, a bearing orchard of 150 trees, chiefly grafted fruit, the soil good for wheat and other grain; there is on the said premises a good stone house, with two rooms on a floor, a good stone kitchen, a large frame barn, and other out buildings. The conditions will be made known at the time and place of sale, by JOHN HUSTON, Administrat. ¶

Philadelphia, October 28, 1783.

BY virtue of a Writ to me directed, will be sold by public Vendue, at the Coffee-House, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 19th day of November next, at five o'clock in the evening, A certain Messuage, and the Lot of Ground thereunto belonging, situate on the west side of Second-street, in the city of Philadelphia, at the corner of Videll's-Alley, containing in breadth on the said Second-street 28 feet, and in depth on the north side of said Alley 60 feet (more or less, with the Appurtenances; being one of the best stands for business in the city, and may be viewed at any time before the sale, by applying to Thomas Nixon, on the premises, which were seized and taken in execution by the late Sheriff, as the estate of Lewis Gordon, Esquire, deceased, and to be sold by

THOMAS PROCTER, Sheriff.

Manor of Moreland, Tenth Month 24, 1783.

To be SOLD by private Sale,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, situate in the Manor of Moreland, containing about 72 acres, bounded by land of Moses Vancourt, Samuel Butcher, and on the east side of the Southampton road, near 14 miles from the city, on which there are erected a stone house, two stories high, a cellar under it, and three rooms on a floor, a pump near the door, with a milch-house watered by said pump, a barn 40 feet long and 24 feet wide, one half built with stone, the other half frame, a waggon-house built with stone, a bearing orchard of about 200 apple trees, 15 acres of good watered meadow, 12 acres of woodland, the remainder plow land, well manured with lime; likewise a Lot of about one acre, on the west side of the Southampton road, bounded by lands of Thomas Austin and John Wright, on which there are erected, a dwelling-house, smith's shop and coal-house, and about 18 apple-trees. The whole is in good repair. Any Person inclining to purchase, by applying to the subscriber, living on the premises, may know the terms of sale. The whole will be sold together or separate, as may best suit the purchaser. § ISAAC CADWALADER.

BY virtue of sundry Writs of Venditioni Exponas to me directed, will be exposed to public SALE, on FRIDAY, the 7th day of November next, at the Court-House, in the borough of Lancaster, at two o'clock in the afternoon, All the ESTATE of ANN KENNEDY, in a certain Messuage or Tract of Land, situate in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, containing 240 acres, be the same more or less, adjoining lands of Felix Binkley, deceased, Thomas Nedro, Christian Yordey and others; together with a large two story brick Dwelling-House, Still-House, Barn and Stables; seized and taken in execution, by

Lancaster, Oct. 26. † THOMAS EDWARDS, Sheriff.

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SAMUEL HOWELL, jun.

In Water-street, between Market and Chestnut-streets,

700 Pieces of Chintzes and Cottons,

WELL ASSORTED.

TO BE SOLD,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION in Providence township, Philadelphia county, 25 miles from the city, on the Schuylkill road, leading to Pottsgrove, Reading, &c. and about a quarter of a mile from the river, same distance from a Friends Meeting-house, three miles from a Presbyterian Meeting-house, and one mile distant from several mills, containing 200 acres, about 15 acres whereof is good meadow, and part watered, from 55 to 60 acres woodland, the rest arable and level, the fields are finely situated to the sun, and produces good crops of hay and grain; the improvements are a large stone two story dwelling-house, well built and finished, three rooms below stairs, and four rooms above stairs, with a large garret, and a kitchen adjoining, with a large shop fronting the road, a large elegant new stone double barn, with a good new shingled roof, plastered in the inside, with good dry mows, and stabling on each side and granaries, also a sheep-house and spring-house, a good pump and well of water before the door, a new waggon-house, a good garden, two large bearing orchards of about 650 apple trees, all young and some grafted, besides peach, pear, cherry and all other kinds of fruit; the situation remarkably healthy and pleasant, a good neighbourhood, and a fine stand for any public business. An indisputable title will be given, and possession of the premises the first of April next. For further particulars enquire of JAMES WOOD on the premises. †

To be SOLD by public Vendue,

At the Coffee-House, on SATURDAY, the 15th of November, at six o'clock in the evening, if not sold before by private sale,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, in Bucks county, 17 miles from the city, and three from Bristol, agreeably situated on Neshaminey creek, and in full view of the Delaware, containing 250 acres, or thereabouts, about half cleared, the other wood, 40 acres whereof are bank meadow, nearly finished, and will be equal to any in the country, with a fine large apple orchard in full perfection, and most other fruits; there are on the premises, three houses, a large barn, and other conveniences; lying close to the road where the York stages pass every day. For further particulars, enquire of ASHETON HUMPHREYS, Esq; in Front-street, near the Coffee-House. §

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the Creditors of *William Davison, William Gordon, David Cock, Jacob Herrington, Elijah Okes, Henry Johnson, John Kelso, William Herrington,* &c. insolvent debtors, That they be and appear at the Court-House, in Trenton, on MONDAY, the first day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to shew cause, if any they have, why an assignment of the said insolvent debtors estates should not be made, and the said insolvent debtors discharged from their imprisonment, pursuant to a late act of insolvency. ¶

WHEREAS a certain JAMES BAIRD, supposed to be living up Juniata, fraudulently obtained a NOTE of me, dated Bermuda Goal, February, 1780. for the sum of £. 17. This therefore is to forewarn all persons from taking an assignment on said note, as I am determined never to discharge the same, until compelled by law.

October 25, 1783. § FLAVEL ROWAN.

York County, October 4, 1783.

TO BE SOLD,

A VALUABLE PLANTATION, lying in Mount Pleasant township, York county, containing near 300 acres, on which is a good dwelling-house, 20 by 24 feet, with a stone shed, and square log kitchen, and good stone chimnies in them all, a good spring and spring-house within a few rods of the house, an excellent garden close by the door, smoke-house, barn, stables and other out-houses, with two orchards of excellent fruit, containing 300 apple trees, with peach, cherry and most of fruit trees; there is on said place near 150 acres of woodland, well timbered and watered, it lying for upwards of 100 rods on Little Conawaga Creek; on said land is an excellent mill seat, and water plenty for any kind of water works, and in the heart of an excellent country for wheat and all other sorts of grain; there is upwards of 12 acres of meadow made, and more can be made at a small expence. The terms of sale are, one third in hand, and the remaining two thirds in three equal payments. Any person inclining to purchase the said land, may view the premises, and know the price, by applying to the subscriber, living in Mitt's-Town, York county. GEORGE FARIES. ¶

For *Belfast* & *Glasgow*,

The Ship *Friendship*,

JOHN M'CADAM, Master.

She is a good new ship, and likely to sail fast, and has good accommodations for passengers, having great part of her cargoe engaged; will sail with all expedition. For freight or passage, apply to said Master on board, at Mr. Bright's Wharff, or to JAMES STUART and JAMES BAR, in Front-street, near the Draw-bridge, who have an assortment of GOODS, which they will sell cheap for cash, or short credit, viz. checks, tobinets, fustians, brocaded silks, gold and silver tissue, a variety of silk gauzes, printed handkerchiefs, Spanish and Baladine sewing silks, Scotch white and coloured thread, French white thread assorted, by the trunk; fouchong tea by the chest, &c. &c.

N. B. All persons indebted to James Stuart, previous to the war, by bill, bond or book account, are requested to make payment in two months from this date, otherwise they may expect to be prosecuted as the law directs. t b c t f. *Nov.* 2, 1783.

William and *John Sitgreaves*,

Have lately imported from Great-Britain, France and Holland,

A large assortment of DRY GOODS,

Suitable to the season, which they are now selling WHOLESALE, on the most reasonable terms, at their STORE in Market-street, between Front and Second-streets. t b c 6 w

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NEW-YORK STAGE,

By way of Burlington,

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Burlington Stage-Boat, belonging to the subscribers, still continues at the Crooked Billet Wharff, Philadelphia, and sets off every Sunday and Wednesday, and proceeds to Burlington, where the Stage Waggons will set off every Monday and Thursday morning for Amboy, and a good Stage Boat is provided by Mr. John Rattoon, for the conveyance of passengers and goods for New-York; the Waggons to return the day following to Burlington, and the Stage Boat to set off immediately on the return of the Waggons. Any Goods delivered on board we will engage for the safe delivery thereof.

Those Gentlemen and Ladies who will please to favour us with their custom, may depend on the utmost care to give general satisfaction, by their humble servants,

JOSEPH TAYLOR, Master,
WILLIAM SMITH,
ANDREW CRAIG.

TWO DOLLARS Reward.

STRAYED from the plantation of Widow Moland, on which Robert Cornwill lives, in the night of the 17th ult. a dunish roan MARE, near 15 hands high, 10 years old, one of her hind feet white, shod before, her face is white, blind of both eyes, lifts her feet high when she trots, and had a pair of hoppels on when she went away. Whoever secures said mare, so that the owner gets her again, shall have the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by the subscriber, living in Warrington, Bucks county. Nov 1. § ANDREW LONG, jun.

FOUR DOLLARS Reward.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the Subscriber's stable, on the evening of the 27th of October last, a dark brown HORSE, about 14 hands and a half high, about 12 years old, stout made, marked *IH* on his buttock, and his mane hangs on the near side of his neck. Whoever takes up said horse, and delivers him at Arch-street Ferry, shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges, paid by ¶

Philad. Nov. 4, 1783. JOHN RUPER.

BROKE into the inclosures of the Subscriber, in Moyamensing township, Philadelphia county, on Tuesday night, the 21st of October last, a Roan HORSE, about 15 hands high. The owner is desired to come, prove property, pay charges, and take him away. ROBERT MULLAN.

To be SOLD at private SALE,

The following described Tracts of LAND, situate in Uwchland township, Chester county, about 30 miles from this city:

No. 1. CONTAINING about 220 acres, 20 of which are meadow; on this place are erected a large stone dwelling-house, kitchen and pump-house adjoining, an excellent stone barn with stables underneath, all in good order, a stone smith's shop and coal-house: Near the house is an excellent apple orchard, and a variety of pear and peach trees: The house is pleasantly situated in a good neighbourhood, and one of the best stands for a store in the county; on one end of this place is a small stone house with a squared log kitchen, log barn, spring-house, &c. suitable for a tenant, or will make it convenient to divide the place.

No. 2. Adjoining the above, known by the name of the Red-Lion Tavern, having been many years occupied as such; contains about 200 acres, a large proportion of which is good timber land, about 20 acres of meadow, most of which may be watered and made very good; on this place are two good orchards, the buildings are the tavern house and the buildings adjacent for carrying on that business: Near the above is a large stone house built so as to accommodate two families, and a large frame barn. The healthy, pleasant and public situation of both the above plantations will always render them good stands for business, being at the junction of six public roads leading to different parts of the country. The annual election for the north-west district of Chester county has been held at the above tavern since the revolution.

No. 3. Adjoining the last described tract, contains about 150 acres, whereon is a squared log dwelling-house, barn and other out houses, a good apple orchard, and about 15 acres of meadow; on this place is a considerable quantity of excellent timber land, within less than a mile of limestone, which renders it very valuable; several fields on the above farms have been limed to very good effect. They will be sold all together or seperate as may best suit the purchaser, possession may be had early next spring. For terms apply to Doctor WHELEN, near the land, who will shew it to any person inclining to purchase, or to ISRAEL WHELEN or ISAAC WHELEN, Market-street, Philadelphia. † *October* 28, 1783

RUN away from the subscriber, living in Gwynedth township, Philadelphia county, a servant Man, named WILLIAM GORDON, about 19 years of age, a chunky and pretty bold looking fellow, of a sandy complexion; had on, when he went away, an old wool hat, light coloured linsey upper jacket, blue and white striped linsey under ditto, tow linen trowsers, and a pair of shoes. Whoever takes up said servant, and brings him home, shall have SIX DOLLARS reward, and reasonable charges, paid by ¶ JACOB WISMER.

CAME to the plantation of HANS BOON, living in Darby township, Chester county, on the 8th of this instant October, a sorrel HORSE, branded with the letter T on the near shoulder, and the letter F on the near buttock, has a blaze in his face, and a short bob tail. The owner proving his property, and paying charges, may take him away. ¶

CAME to the plantation of the subscriber, living in Willis-Town, Chester county, about the beginning of September last, a stray BULL. The owner is desired to come, prove his property, pay charges, and take him away.

October 22, 1783. ¶ CALEB YARNALL.

For NEWRY,

The Ship HIBERNIA,

ROGER SCANLAN, MASTER,

Now lying at Mifflin's Wharff. She is an exceeding fine Ship, about three Years old, and has excellent Accommodations for Passengers. She has Three-fourths of her Cargoe engaged, and will sail with the first Flax-seed Ships.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JOSEPH CARSON, or the Captain on Board. § *Philad. October* 21.

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